

## Chapter 13 Notetaking Study Guide

Now you are ready to answer the Chapter 13 Focus Question: **How did westward expansion change the geography of the nation and demonstrate the determination of its people?**

► Complete the following chart to help you answer this question. Use the notes that you took for each section.

Westward Expansion Changes the Nation's Geography
<p align="center"><b>The West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What was the West?</b> By the 1820s, lands west of the Mississippi               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northwest:</b> Land that stretched from <u>the Rockies</u> to the _____; in the early 1800s was claimed by _____</li> <li>• <b>Southwest:</b> Lands in the southwest that included present-day California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and half of Colorado; ruled first by Spain, then by Mexico</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>What was Manifest Destiny?</b> _____</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Trails to the West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Santa Fe Trail:</b> overland trade route that carried merchandise from Independence, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico</li> <li>• <b>The Oregon Trail:</b> _____</li> <li>• <b>Life in the West</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For women:</b> <u>improved status because their work was necessary for survival</u></li> <li>• <b>For Native Americans and settlers:</b> _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Texas and the Mexican-American War</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Texans rebel against Mexico because</b> of religious differences, conflicts over slavery, and a lack of democracy.</li> <li>• <b>Annexation of Texas was controversial in the United States because</b> _____</li> <li>• <b>The solution that led to the annexation of Texas was that</b> _____</li> <li>• <b>Causes of the Mexican War:</b> _____</li> <li>• <b>Results of the Mexican War:</b> The nation's geography greatly changed after the United States acquired a vast territory under the Mexican Cession.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>A Rush to the West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Who were the Mormons?</b> a religious group founded by Joseph Smith in 1830</li> <li>• <b>Why did they migrate to Utah?</b> to escape conflict with _____</li> <li>• <b>Discovery in 1848 that brought a flood of settlers to California:</b> <u>gold</u></li> </ul>

Refer to this page to answer the Unit 4 Focus Question on page 212.